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Samuel Lemberg Named Treasurer of Brandeis



For many years, Samuel Lemberg has been a Trustee and influential leader of Park Avenue Synagogue. A major benefactor of the congregation, the auditorium of the Synagogue bears the name of his family. His leadership resulted in many others becoming members and the example of his personal philanthropy influenced others to give significant support to Park Avenue Synagogue.

It is with happiness and pride that we learn of his appointment as Treasurer of Brandeis University. Mr. Lemberg has been associated with Brandeis, the nation's only Jewish-sponsored, non-sectarian university since its founding, serving as Trustee since 1961 and, prior to that, as a Fellow of the University. Brandeis awarded him an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree in 1967. The Usdan Student Center at Brandeis was

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Schedule of Religious Services

Friday evening, March 25:45 p.m.

FAMILY SERVICE

Saturday morning, March 39:30 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Jacqueline Freedman

Daughter of Mrs. Judith Freedman and Mr. David L. Freedman

Friday evening, March 95:45 p.m.

ANNUAL SHABBATON

Saturday morning, March 109:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Leonard Colby

Son of Mrs. Renee Colby and Dr. Frank Colby

Friday night, March 168:30 p.m.

ANNUAL SISTERHOOD SABBATH

Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman will speak on

"I LOVE NEW YORK"

Saturday morning, March 179:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Steven Lee Kaufman

Son of Mrs. Robert Kaufman

Friday night, March 238:30 p.m.

Mr. Abraham A. Silver, honorary president of the

National Federation of Jewish Men's Club, will speak on

"CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM, ITS STRENGTH,
WEAKNESS AND FUTURE"

On the 50th Anniversary of the Federation

One Shabbat sponsored by Men's Club

Friday night, March 308:30 p.m.

Rabbi Harlan Wechsler will speak on

"THE SYNAGOGUE: HOME BASE FOR ALL JEWS"

Saturday morning, March 319:30 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Jori Meltzer

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Meltzer

Saturday morning, March 249:30 a.m.

Rabbi Judah Nadich and Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler will speak and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and the synagogue choir with Mr. Neal Robinson at the organ.

Women Rabbis?

At the recent convention of The Rabbinical Assembly, the international association of Conservative rabbis, Dr. Gerson D. Cohen, chancellor of the Seminary, read the report of the commission appointed by him to study the question of whether qualified women should be admitted as students to the Rabbinical School and ordained as rabbis. The majority report was in the affirmative. The final decision will be made by the faculty of the Seminary this spring.

The mainstream of classical Judaism during the Talmudic period gave women a status higher than they enjoyed in other contemporary cultures. But the free-flowing stream of Judaism was congealed during recent centuries and while the recognition of women's rights grew apace in other civilizations, it lagged behind in Judaism.

Conservative Judaism in its beginnings did away with the segregation of women in public worship. Later it instituted the ceremony of Bat Mitzvah for its daughters. Almost twenty-five years ago its Law Committee permitted the granting of an *aliyah* to women. Seven years ago another decision of the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of The Rabbinical Assembly recognized the counting of women for a *minyan*.

All these changes have been made not in contravention of *halakkah* but based on Jewish law and its interpretation, characteristic of Conservative Judaism.

The right of women to serve as rabbis in the modern world constitutes a further stage in the development of the attitude of Conservative Judaism to women.

We look forward to the decision of the Seminary faculty and we hope it will be in the affirmative.

Judah Nadich



Purim

There are many types of clowns who have a very important vocation: to make people laugh. Yet there is one clown who often appears in the circus or in movies who has a very special smile. That smile implies sadness at the very moment that it breeds laughter. And, when you look him in the eye and think for a moment, you don't know whether to cry or to laugh.

Purim reminds me of that clown. On the surface, our customs are designed to bring hilarity — even into the synagogue. There are games, masquerades, partying, gift-giving and even drinking, all of which are appropriate to the day. But what do they call to mind? A time of great crisis in Jewish life. A time when an anti-Semite gained power and was going to use his power to destroy the Jews. Of course there was a last minute deliverance, and the decree was superseded and fought. But when you look into the eyes of Purim, it is hard not to see the sadness of persecution at the very time when you see the clown's smile.

Purim is a diaspora holiday. It recounts the attacks on a Jewish community living well, and happy with its existence outside of Israel. It is a community that lives with the reality of intermarriage, for Esther the Jew is married to a Persian king. When Haman conspires against the Jews, the city of Shushan is bewildered — the Megillah says. "Could it really happen here?" is what remains unsaid, but is really implied. And the answer is: Yes.

According to the Rabbis, the removal of King Ahasuerus' ring, which he gives to Haman, accomplished more for bringing important changes into Jewish life than did the words of all the prophets. That is the Rabbis' shorthand for another truth: Anti-Semitism often affects Jewish life more forcefully than the loftiest ideas we are able to produce. That is a sad fact, but a real one nonetheless.

And what do we do in light of that? Maintain a comic spirit, what else! We party and bake, we dance and we drink, though we are reminded of the worst. We laugh a laugh which is a result of the Jews having been saved. But the taste of that laugh is bitter-sweet. It is the old laugh of the clown Pagliacci, and his aria we know well.

Harlan J. Wechsler

Purim: What To Do!

Children

1. Attend the Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 11 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Adults

2. On Sunday evening, March 11, at 7:30 P.M., come to the Purim Party to hear the Ari Music Ensemble.

Everyone

3. Come to the synagogue on Monday evening, March 12, to hear the Reading of the Megillah, the Purim Story.
4. Have a festive meal on Purim Day, March 13. Don't forget the hamantashen . . . Who could?
5. **SHALAH MANOT.** On Purim Day, two types of food (say an orange and a hamantash) are sent to at least one friend. The more friends, of course, the merrier.
6. **MATANOT LA'EYONIM.** Gifts to the needy. It is a special mitzvah on Purim to give money to the poor.
7. Be Happy. It's Purim!

Congregational Seder Thursday, April 12

The annual Congregational Seder will be held on the second night of Passover, Thursday, April 12 in the Lemberg Auditorium. Rabbi Nadich and Rabbi Wechsler will conduct the service with Cantor Lefkowitz and the Choir, Neil Robinson providing piano accompaniment. The service will begin at 5:45 in the Sanctuary and will be followed by the Seder promptly at 6:30 P.M.

Each year, congregants look forward to attending the Congregational Seder as an especially joyous occasion, rich in tradition and ceremony. Those who have never experienced this event are encouraged to come. Reservation cards will be mailed soon. To avoid disappointment, an early response is recommended because space is limited.

Announcing an Important Event

The 3rd Annual Service of

Classical Jewish Liturgical Music

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

9:30 A.M. — Sanctuary

On this occasion Cantor David Lefkowitz with Abraham Kaplan conducting the Camerata Singers the premiere presentation of recently discovered, unpublished music of the 19th Century Russian musical genius, David Newakowsky, will take place.

Early Registration for Religious School Requested

Prozdor alef (Sundays) 5 yr. olds

Prozdor bet gimel 6 yr. olds

(Sundays or weekdays)

Mekhina 7 yr. olds

Elementary Department ages 8 - 13

For further information and application forms call the School office at TE 1-8686.

Celebrate Purim With Project ARI Ensemble



Something new and different in the Park Avenue Synagogue celebration of Purim will take place Sunday, March 11 at 7:30 P.M., through the joint efforts of the Mr. and Mrs. Club, Women's Evening Group and Parents' Association. The Project ARI Ensemble, consisting of 9 instrumentalists and 6 vocalists, will offer a program of Russian and Jewish music, sung in Russian, Hebrew and Yiddish.

Project ARI (Action for Russian Immigrants) is a comprehensive community project which provides assistance to Russian Jewish immigrants who settle in the New York area. Initiated by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and administered by the Associated YM-YWHAs of Greater New York, the program is supported

by grants from the State Parks and Recreation Commission for the City of New York and the National Endowment for the Arts.

ARI helps in such areas as employment, housing, day care, and religious education, as well as sponsoring group programs such as Jewish holiday observances, English language classes and youth activities.

It was in answer to the felt need for cultural expression which led to the development of Project ARI Folk Ensemble Orchestra under the direction of coordinator-conductor Benzion Icikson.

The entire congregation and community is invited to this evening of song. Admission is \$2.50 per person. Refreshments will be served.

REJOICE! IT'S PURIM Come to the Carnival

It's Purim Carnival time once again!

On Sunday, March 11, from 11 A.M. until 1 P.M., the Lembeg Auditorium will resemble a carnival midway with booths of games, food, prizes and fun galore for everyone. Organized and run by students of the High School, and managed by chairpersons, Walter Charnizon, Rachel Schwartz and James Stulman, the Carnival is open to all the children of the Elementary School and to the community.

There will be a costume parade for children *and* (an added event this year) for grown-ups too.

A small admission charge will help defray some of the costs of the carnival. Proceeds from the carnival are given to a charity chosen by the students of the High School.

And so, come one, come all! Come all you Queen Esthers, King Ahasueruses, Mordecais! Don your best raiments and come to the Carnival! It is time to rejoice in the victory of the Jewish people over tyranny!

School to Participate In Music Festival

Our School will be participating in the regional Board of Jewish Education Music Festival on Sunday, March 25th, at the S.A.R. Academy in Riverdale. Groups from Manhattan, Bronx, Riverdale, Westchester and New Jersey will take part in this event.

The Religious School, grades *bet* through *hay*, will offer three musical presentations. Parents and students of all classes are welcome to attend the two hour program. For reservations (round trip by bus) please call the School office at TE 1-8686.

Yedid Nefesh

Every Sunday evening, from 10 to 11 P.M., on station WEVD-FM, 97.9 on the FM dial, there is a unique program of Jewish interest. Now in its third season, *Yedid Nefesh* is dedicated to exploring Jewish Values, Jewish Spirituality, and Jewish Cultural Expression — especially as these are encountered by the young generation of today's Jews. Recent programs have taken a look at Jewish Feminism, at the issue of women in the Rabbinate, at the broader issues of sexuality in light of the Jewish tradition, and all of these issues are explored from many conflicting points of view. *Yedid Nefesh* can be heard every Sunday evening from 10 to 11 P.M.

Sherry for Jewish Singles 30-50

Don't forget the Pre-Purim sherry Sunday afternoon, March 4 at 3 P.M. for Jewish Singles 30 to 50. Rabbi Wechsler will lead a discussion on the topic: "Roasting Haman and Toasting Mordecai: A New Megillah."

Want someone to receive an invitation? Call Rabbi Wechsler's secretary at the Synagogue.

Holiday Seminar

The third in a series of seminars about the festivals of the Jewish year will take place on Monday, March 26, 8:30 to 9:30 P.M. Rabbi Wechsler will lead the session on "Pesah: The Oldest Family Celebration." All are welcome to attend.

CONGRESSWOMAN ELIZABETH HOLTZMAN SPEAKER AT SISTERHOOD FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE MARCH 16



Elizabeth Holtzman, Congresswoman representing New York's 16th District, will be the guest speaker at the Friday night Service sponsored by Sisterhood March 16 at 8:30 P.M.

A graduate of Radcliffe College magna cum laude, Representative Holtzman was graduated from Harvard Law School. For several years she worked as an assistant to the Mayor of New York City with the special responsibility for parks, recreation and cultural affairs. In 1970, she resigned from the City administration to join the law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison. Her association came to an end in 1972 when she entered the Congressional campaign. The youngest woman ever elected to the House of Representatives, she entered Congress in January 1973.

Congresswoman Holtzman is a member of the Judiciary Committee and its sub-

committee on immigration, criminal justice and crime. As a member of the Judiciary Committee, she participated in its deliberation on the impeachment of former President Nixon and took part in the questioning of President Ford in regard to the Nixon pardon.

Her awards and honors have been many. She was elected to Harvard's Board of Overseers in 1976 and in 1977 Albert Einstein College of Medicine gave her the Spirit of Achievement Award. That same year the Speaker of the House selected her to be one of two House members on the President's National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year.

Following the service, there will be an Oneg Shabbat tea and reception when Sisterhood members will serve as hostesses. Congregants, their families and friends are invited to attend the service and the Oneg Shabbat on March 16.

Gifts for Everyone at Sisterhood's Shop

The Ceremonial Gift Shop, operated by Sisterhood, in behalf of the congregation, carries a fine selection of beautiful and meaningful gifts for everyone in the family, young or old, for every occasion. There are tallitot and tefillin, ritual items for prayer in the synagogue or at home. A wide assortment of Bar and Bat Mitzvah presents are available at every price level. Be it for Purim or Passover, a house-warming, birthday or wedding anniversary, the Gift Shop, headed by Mrs. Jacob Applebaum and a staff of able, cordial workers awaits the opportunity to serve you.

The Shop is open every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On other days, please phone Mrs. Applebaum (RH 4-6119) for an appointment.

Samuel Lemberg (Cont'd) (Continued from Page 1)

made possible by his funding as was the University's Lemberg Children's Center, an on-campus day care facility. He was a prime force in the establishment of the Lemberg Center for the Study of Violence, a university project that analyzed the causes of violence in the United States during the late 1960's and early 1970's.

Recently, Mr. Lemberg helped to underwrite the publication, in microfilm form the papers of the late Supreme Court Justice, Louis Dembitz Brandeis, for whom the University is named. This project made certain that the innovative works and creative teachings of one of the greatest legal minds would be preserved. We congratulate our esteemed member, his wife, Lucille, and his family on his having been named to this prestigious post.

Sisterhood Offers Study and Book Review, March 20

On Tuesday, March 20, Sisterhood will sponsor two events which congregants and their friends are invited to attend. At 10:30 A.M., Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler, our Assistant Rabbi, will conduct a Learning Session on "The Value of Human Life: Fragments From The Talmud," and at one o'clock Juliette T. Benton, well known lecturer and book reviewer, will discuss "Shosha" and "The World of Isaac Bashevis Singer," Nobel Prize winner of literature.

Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler

Rabbi Wechsler, an alumnus of Harvard College and The Jewish Theological Seminary of America has also studied at Princeton and at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He has lectured on a variety of subjects, has written many publications and is a student of Jewish spirituality, Talmudic and Midrashic literature.

Sisterhood looks forward to welcoming Rabbi Wechsler and hopes you will make every effort to attend the Learning Session at 10:30 on Tuesday morning, March 20.

Juliette T. Benton

Juliette T. Benton, who has been a member of Park Avenue Synagogue since 1934, is well known to our congregation as a popular lecturer on books, plays and the art of public speaking. A well informed speaker, she has lectured throughout the United States and last year gave a series of lectures at our synagogue on Living Art, Books of Our People and 1978 Best Sellers. The series was well attended and enthusiastically received.

Mrs. Benton is listed in "Who's Who of American Women" and is a member of the Board of Masterworks Laboratory Theater.

Sisterhood is pleased to sponsor the Learning Session by Rabbi Wechsler and the afternoon lecture by Juliette Benton. A coffee hour will follow the afternoon meeting.

Annual Spring Luncheon

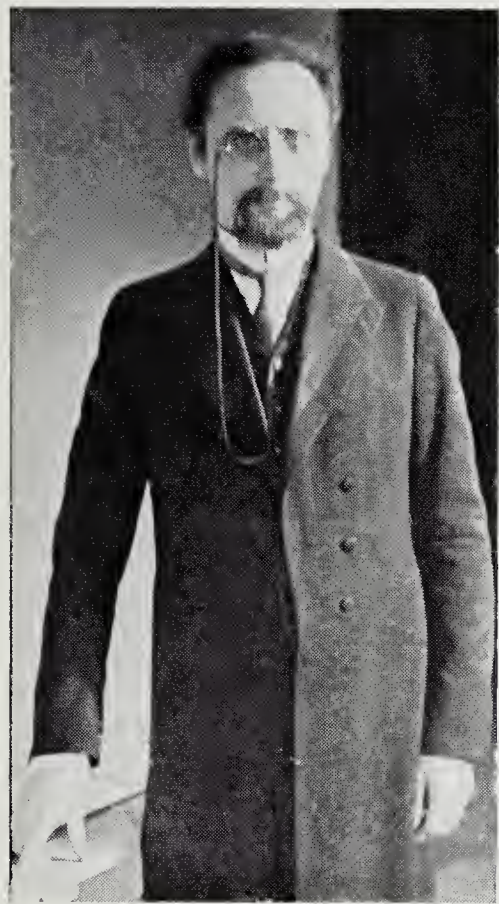
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

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Please Reserve the Date

"CHEKHOV ON THE LAWN" COMES TO PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE



On Sunday, April 1, 1979, at 3:00 P.M., Off-Broadway comes to the Park Avenue Synagogue. The Mr. and Mrs. Club will present William Shust as Anton Chekhov in "Chekhov on the Lawn," an entertainment devised and adapted from the works of Anton Chekhov by Elihu Winer.

Mr. Shust, who received critical acclaim for his performance in "Chekhov" at the Roundabout Theatre, has travelled extensively presenting this show at theatres and colleges across America. He has appeared in a wide variety of roles in numerous productions of Shakespeare and also in "South Pacific," "King Henry II," "Becket", and "The Owl and the Pussycat."

He has appeared in motion pictures and in dramatic programs on all the major television networks, most recently as Patrick Henry in "The Adams Chronicles." Mr. Shust's performance as Chekhov, the great Russian playwright and short story writer, has been issued in a two-record album and on tape.

Elihu Winer, Deputy Executive Director of the Writers Guild of America, East, has written for motion pictures and television. He is currently teaching film and television writing at New York University.

The Mr. and Mrs. Club believes that you will not want to miss this performance. The exciting one-man show will be offered for the nominal fee of \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for students. Refreshments will be served following the show.

Art Collecting: Topic of Mr. & Mrs. Club Program

"Art — Collecting and Investing" will be the subject of a lecture and discussion program at the Synagogue sponsored by The Mr. & Mrs. Club, Tuesday, March 20 at 8:15 P.M. Mr. C. Hugh Hildesley, Senior Vice President in the Appraisal Department of Sotheby Parke Bernet, Inc. and PAS member Jeffrey Lowin, an attorney with experience in tax and legal problems of art collectors, will be the featured speakers. The program ushers in the spring Art Season at the Synagogue, which culminates with the annual Park Avenue Synagogue Art Show, scheduled for the week of May 5.

The program is designed for the general art-loving public as well as those Synagogue members who will be preparing for the Art Show. Mr. Hildesley will speak on subjects relating to appreciation of the fine arts and what collectors should look for. Mr. Lowin will speak on common tax problems that collectors encounter, includ-

Know Your Seminary

LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP

We all know the Jewish Theological Seminary as the training ground for the rabbis, cantors, religious teachers and others who serve Conservative Judaism.

But the Seminary is a good deal more than that. It is a leader of Jewish thought, planning and action.

The best evidence of that are some of the programs which have originated at the Seminary over the years—the Eternal Light broadcasts . . . the first program of pastoral psychiatry undertaken by any comparable institution, Jewish or Christian . . . a sustained effort to develop interfaith understanding, started decades before ecumenism became popular. . . the Ramah Camps . . . a joint baccalaureate degree program with Columbia University.

These, too, are your Seminary.

ing problems that arise when people make gifts of art to charity. There will be a question and discussion period, and a social hour will follow.

Reservations Urged for Dinner Theatre Excursion

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

An opportunity for an enjoyable evening will be the Men's Club excursion to the Northstage Theatre on Sunday, March 25.

Carefully planned, the trip includes two-way bus transportation with singing and snacks while on board, a complete gourmet dinner (fish, of course) and good seating in a block of rows reserved for the Park Avenue Synagogue family. The show will be an exciting, pre-Broadway production of "JOLEY," a musical based on the life and songs of Al Jolson. The cost of the entire package is an affordable \$27.50.

Starring in the musical production will be Larry Kert, the dynamic young song and dance man who first reached fame in "West Side Story" and will play the part of Al Jolson, "the world's greatest entertainer." Mr. Kert will song songs made popular by the fabulous singer and will also present new numbers written expressly in the Jolson-hit style. Lyrics are by Sheldon Harnick, co-creator of "Fiddler on the Roof" and Milton DeLugg who was Al Jolson's accompanist during the last year's of his life. Included in the cast will be Park Avenue Synagogue member, Merwin Goldsmith, a seasoned actor with many credits to his name. "JOLEY" will open on Broadway late in April.

The buses will leave at 5:00 p.m. to assure a comfortable, relaxed journey with plenty of time to inspect the luxurious show-theatre in Glen Cove, Long Island and the elegantly-served dinner. The play begins at 8:00 p.m.

Reservations must be accompanied by check and *received by March 9*. Send them to Frank Moroze, 180 East End Ave., New York, N.Y. But hurry! There are only 100 seats available. For further information, call Mr. Moroze at MU 2-4064 (days) or 535-8031 (evenings).

Dr. Hessel Haddad to Discuss "Jews from Arab Lands" at Shabbaton

Dr. Hessel M. Haddad will speak about "Jews from Arab Lands" on Saturday, March 10 at 2 p.m., as part of the annual Park Avenue Synagogue SHABBATON, sponsored by the Women's Evening Group.

Dr. Haddad is the United States representative on the Executive Committee of the World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries. He is the General Secretary of the United States chapter of that organization and is the President of the American Committee for Rescue and Resettlement of Iraqi Jews. He was one of the early organizers of the fight to educate people — Jews and non-Jews alike — to the plight of Arab Jews. In an article for the *Middle East Information Series*, published in 1971, Dr. Haddad traces the problem of Jewish Arab and Palestinian Arab refugees. After a careful analysis, he goes on to suggest:

"... that the United Nations, in conjunction with the Arab states and Israel, introduce a program of population exchange and reciprocal reparation for the refugees as a solution to the refugee problem — Jewish as well as Arab. It would be a solution to the problem of the Jewish minorities still living and still persecuted in Arab countries as well as for the Palestinian Arabs."

Since that article, Dr. Haddad has been writing and lecturing tirelessly on the subject, both as a representative of the previously mentioned organizations and as a private United States citizen. It was as a private citizen that Dr. Haddad met President Sadat on June 7, 1978. They met for two hours and Dr. Haddad had the opportunity to discuss the plight of Jews from Arab lands who suffered untold physical and psychological pain. Many were expelled from their homes with their property, belongings and assets illegally confiscated. Some still remain and suffer. The choice was never theirs.

Dr. Haddad is himself a Jewish refugee from Iraq. In a hauntingly familiar Jewish tale, Dr. Haddad said his identity had been primarily Iraqi until a pogrom in Baghdad killed his cousin along with hundreds of other Iraqi Jews. He suddenly realized that regardless of how he saw himself, he was a Jew and would be seen as a Jew. He understood that the healthy way to deal with this was to identify

News from the Early Childhood Center

The Early Childhood Center, including a daily nursery school and kindergarten, expresses appreciation to the Park Avenue Synagogue Sisterhood for its generous contribution of a fine piano. It will enhance the music program be a source of pleasure for both children and staff.

Special thanks, too, to Mrs. Edward Peiper for her effort in obtaining this valuable instrument.

Other aspects of the program have been enriched by the gift of a tape recorder by Mr. Harry A. Dubin. It is being used with great benefit as a teaching tool both in the classroom and at staff meetings.

Mrs. Regina Feingold, director of the Early Childhood Center, voices the gratitude of the entire school to these helpful persons, as well as to Mrs. Vicki Wimpfheimer and Mrs. Lillian Helpert, Chairpersons of the School Board.

College Students Invited To Study at Seminary

The Jewish Theological Seminary of America is initiating a "Visiting Student Program." For qualified men and women currently enrolled in a college or university, courses can be taken at the Seminary in any of its departments — Bible, Hebrew Language, Jewish Education, Jewish History, Jewish Literature, Philosophies of Judaism, Talmud and Rabbinics — which will offer credits that can be used for a general degree. This program is either for one year, one semester or even for one course, and more information may be obtained from:

Office of the Dean
Seminary College of Jewish Studies
3080 Broadway
New York, New York 10027

strongly and positively with Judaism. He was then 11 years old.

Dr. Haddad is a practicing Ophthalmologist and Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at the New York Medical College. He is Editor-in-Chief of the journal, *Metabolic Ophthalmology*, and has written two medical books. He is married and has three children. His daughter, Ava, was Bat Mitzvah last February at Park Avenue Synagogue. His older son, Andre Moshe, will be Bar Mitzvah in Israel this August and his younger son, Michael, is eight years old. The children attend Hebrew School at Park Avenue Synagogue where their parents have belonged for several years.

Condolences

To the family of Frances Barkin, upon her death.

To the family of Dorothy Gellert, upon her death.

Mr. James J. Leibman, upon the death of his brother, Joseph Leibman.

Mr. Saul Levy, upon the death of his mother, Blanche Levy.

To the family of Joseph M. Mazer, upon his death.

Congratulations to:

Mrs. Norbert Acker, upon the marriage of her daughter, Andrea to Michael J. Strone.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mittenthal, upon the birth of their great-grandson, Mark Andrew Bangser.

Dr. and Mrs. Philip H. Sechzer, upon the birth of their granddaughter, Lior Aronoff. Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Burt Aronoff in Israel.

Richard J. Smolian, Esq., upon his marriage to Randy Gottesman.

We Take Pride In

Dr. Emanuel Appelbaum, honored at a dinner given on October 31, 1978, by the NYU School of Medicine and the NYU Medical Center for his accomplishments, contributions and as an Attending Physician at Bellevue and University Hospital.

Francine Klagsbrun (Mrs. Samuel C.), author. She was one of the 14 members of the commission appointed by Chancellor Gerson D. Cohen to study the question of whether qualified women may and should be ordained as rabbis by the Rabbinical School of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America. The commission's report, issued recently, recommended in the affirmative by a vote of 11 to 3. Mrs. Klagsbrun was with the majority.

Dr. Joseph Zeitlin was recently elected as a member of the Board of Directors of U.J.A.-Federation of Greater New York.

Silver Medals Given to PAS

Dr. and Mrs. Jacques L. Sherman, Jr. have recently given to the Park Avenue Synagogue their valuable collection of 120 sterling silver medals depicting the history of the Jews in the United States from the arrival of the first Jews in New Amsterdam to our own day. These medals have been produced over the years by the Judaic Heritage Society and were collected by Dr. and Mrs. Sherman. He has been serving until recently as a member of the medical staff of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Northport, Long Island.

The collection of medals may be used as an educational aid in the teaching of American Jewish history.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Synagogue Offerings

Mrs. Michael J. Stone, in memory of her father, Norbert Acker.
 Mrs. Norbert Acker, in memory of her husband.
 Mrs. Norbert Acker, in honor of the marriage of her daughter, Andrea to Michael J. Strone.
 Mrs. Dan W. Barkin, in memory of her husband.
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bennet, in honor of the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Berger.
 Mr. and Mrs. Herman Berger, in honor of their forty-fifth wedding anniversary.
 Pamela Bernstein, for the speedy recovery of Mrs. Dorothy Gilbert.
 Rabbi and Mrs. Eli A. Bohnen, in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. David Grad.
 Mr. Irving L. Braverman, in memory of his father, Morris Braverman.
 Mrs. Jennie Cohen, in memory of Lena Spiegel and Gertrude Cohen.
 Mrs. Morris J. Cohen, in honor of birthday of Jack Raticoff.
 Mrs. Joseph B. Dell, in memory of her husband.
 Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Dragutsky, in memory of father of William I. Abramson.
 Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Dragutsky, in memory of Robert Horowitz.
 Mr. Conrad B. Duberstein, in memory of his mother, Esther Duberstein.
 Mr. and Mrs. Peter Feinberg, in memory of Joseph Mazer.
 Mr. Erik Z. Fetter, for speedy recovery of Jo King.
 Mrs. Solomon Fineman, in memory of her husband, Dr. Solomon Fineman.
 Mr. and Mrs. Irving Friedman, in memory of Dorothy Gellert.
 Mr. and Mrs. Irving Friedman, in honor of birthday of Jack Raticoff.
 Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Friedman, in honor of Bat Mitzvah of Amy Cohen.
 Mr. Robert Gal, in memory of his father, Charles Gal.
 Mr. A. Stanley Gluck, in memory of his uncle, Benjamin Glass.
 Estelle G. Gold, in memory of Frances Barkin.
 Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Z. Goll, in memory of their loved ones.
 Mrs. S. Goodman, in honor of wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. David Grad.
 Mr. and Mrs. David Grad, in honor of birthday of Perry Werner.
 Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Greenwald, in honor of the birth of their new granddaughter, Jennifer Do Muskat.
 Mr. and Mrs. Stanley M. Grossman in honor of the birthday of their father, Jack Raticoff.
 Mr. Sebastian Haskel, in memory of his father, Isaac Haskelberg.
 Mr. and Mrs. Milton Heller, in memory of his mother, Matilda Heller.
 Mr. and Mrs. Milton Heller, in memory of Theodore Loeb.
 Michael Kaplan and Ms. Beulah Naomi Kaplan, in memory of their mother, Freda Sabrina Kaplan.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Katz, in memory of her father, Irving Greenberg.
 Mr. and Mrs. David Kaufman, in honor of their wedding anniversary.
 Mrs. Martin Kurzner, in memory of her husband, Dr. Martin Kurzner.
 Dr. Elise Kraft Ledman (Mrs. Joseph), in gratitude for her husband's recovery and to the daily minyan group who said prayers for him.
 Mrs. Albert Lifflander, in memory of her parents, Henrietta H. and Charles M. Fergess.
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 Mr. Robert Olden, in memory of his parents, Margot and William Olden.
 Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Olchick, in memory of Margot Olden.
 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth M. Parelskin, in honor of birthday of Jack Raticoff.
 Hon. Hyman J. Reit, in memory of his wife, Rae Reit.
 Mr. Leonard Robbins, in memory of his father, Saul Robbins.
 Ms. Meta L. Rosenberg, in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Gellert.
 Mrs. Henry Rosenblum, in memory of her husband.
 Mrs. Fay Rosoff, in memory of Hugh Levy.
 Mr. and Mrs. Sidney D. Rosoff, in memory of her father, Joseph B. Abrams.
 Mrs. Charlotte Rothenfeld, in honor of the birth of great-grandson, Marc, to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mittenthal.
 Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg, in honor of Bat Mitzvah of Amy Cohen.
 Mr. and Mrs. Stuart M. Saft, in honor of the birth of their son, Bradley Spencer.
 Mrs. Gerta Scharf, in memory of her husband, Dr. Adolph Scharf.
 Mr. Herman Silversmith, in memory of Julius Isaacson.
 Mrs. Bert Simon, in memory of her mother, Augusta Blum.
 Sisterhood, in honor of wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Heller.
 Mrs. Florence Spiegel, in honor of wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Heller.
 Mrs. Morton M. Woolf, in memory of her husband.
 Mr. and Mrs. Sol Westheimer, in honor of wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Berger.
 Mrs. Henry J. Zacharias, in memory of her father, Arthur Zivy.

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Prayer Book Fund

Helen Cohen Abrams, in honor of birthday of Harry A. Cohen.
 Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Fihtag, in memory of Hugh Levy.
 Ms. Florence Kourland, in memory of Rose Kourland, mother and grandmother.
 Ricki and Jerry Schultz, in honor of birthday of Jack Raticoff.

Professor William Reiner Scholarship Fund

Mrs. William Reiner, in memory of her husband, Professor William Reiner.
 Dr. Myrtle Reiner and Mr. Peter Vogel-son-Reiner, in honor of the birth of granddaughter, Lior Arnoff, to Dr. and Mrs. Phillip Sechzer.
 Dr. and Mrs. Philip H. Sechzer, in honor of birth of their granddaughter, Lior Arnoff.

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Murray Rothenberg Scholarship Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Deutsch, in memory of her mother, Rebecca Alenky.

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Scholarship Fund

Mrs. Sanford H. Cohen, in memory of Dorothy Gellert.
 Bobbi Edelson, in memory of Richard Bernstein.

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Welfare Fund

Mrs. Bernard Botein, in memory of Dr. Leonard Cammer.
 Harold I. Cammer and family, in memory of their brother, Dr. Leonard Cammer.
 Mrs. Helen E. Greene, in memory of her loved ones.
 Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kanefsky, in honor of *pidyon haben* of their son, Michael.
 Major and Mrs. Max L. Shulman, for speedy recovery of Hon. Paul P. Rao.

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Library Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Cohen, in memory of Hugh Levy.
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Flower Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Isler, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joshua.
 Mrs. Judith D. Freedman, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, Jackie.
 Mrs. Jean Soichet, in memory of her father, Abram Fineman.

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Building Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Botwinick.
 Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Z. Goll.
 Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Honig, in honor of their forty-fifth wedding anniversary.
 Sarah E. Kaplan and Abraham H. Kaplan, in memory of their father.
 Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ladin, in honor of their birthdays.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jacob M. Mehl.
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moroze.
 Mrs. Murray B. Palmer, in memory of her mother, Keila Guttman.
 Dr. and Mrs. Henry G. Simmons, in honor of twentieth anniversary of Rabbi Judah Nadich with the synagogue.
 Mrs. Gussie Winkelman.
 Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Zeitlin.
 Mrs. Sol Zolenge, in memory of her husband.

College Student Corresponds With Rabbi Nadich

The following letter was received by Rabbi Nadich from one of our college students, in reaction to our program for college students sponsored by the Stephanie Lynn Kossoff Memorial Fund.

February 2, 1979

Dear Rabbi Nadich,

Today I received the Synagogue bulletin. It was great fun to read the PAS community news and yet I feel sad because PAS seems so far away. The bulletin explained the mystery of the unsolicited publications. Thank you very much. I deeply appreciate the thoughtfulness and the careful selection of appropriate periodicals. I hope you will convey my gratitude to the Congregation.

Here in Syracuse, I continue to participate in the Jewish Community. I taught Junior Congregation over the High Holy Days and join Hillel events. This week is Jewish Identity Week featuring two speakers daily, free lunch, movies, special services, and a coffeehouse. It is an exciting way to become acquainted with a variety of important issues such as Soviet Jewry, cults, and "roots."

I am proud, that now that all the children have graduated, our parents continue the tradition of education. The study group scheduled family events over vacations. There was a formidable number of people at each reunion and the discussions were quite lively. We benefited from a variety of perspectives and experiences.

At the university, I meet many people with varied pasts and backgrounds. Surveying my peers and then reading the PAS bulletin, watching my parents and brothers, and reviewing my own life thus far I can only congratulate you. Each of Park Avenue Synagogue's programs has proven to be a grand success. Their marks on me are indelible!

I hope this letter finds you in good health! Shalom.

Beatrice R. Kahn

Editor's Note:

Accompanying Ms. Kahn's letter to Rabbi Nadich was a contribution to the Park Avenue Synagogue Building Fund.

Patrons Club Growing

Mr. Abraham I. Sherr, President of the congregation and Chairman of the Patrons Club reports that additional supporters were obtained last month. However, he urges that even more join the club which provides the extra funds so vital to our school and educational programs.

With a donation of \$1,000 above normal dues, you may become known as a *Patron*, while a gift of \$250 or more earns the title of *Donor*. Join the fellow members listed below by contributing to the Patrons Club.

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Chorale Announces Officers and Date of Spring Concert

The Park Avenue Synagogue Chorale announces the election of its officers for 1979.

- Faye BaronPresident
- Harry A. CohenVice-President
- Eleanor GoldmanSecretary
- Linda RudellTreasurer

Consisting of over 50 voices, the Chorale meets on Thursday evenings from 7:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. The singing group is sponsored by the congregation and has attracted many non-affiliated people to its ranks, some of whom travel from other boroughs, Long Island and New Jersey to sing with the group. There is, nonetheless, a continuing need for *male* voices. Volunteers are invited to audition just before or after the practice sessions.

Each year the highlight of the Chorale's season is its annual concert. It will be held this year on Wednesday evening, June 13, in the Kaufman Auditorium of the 92nd Street Y. Featured in the program will be the composition of the Chorale's noted conductor-composer, Abraham Kaplan: his magnificent Sabbath Evening Service for choir and orchestra.

All are invited to attend the concert and urged to mark the date on their calendars, for the event is expected to be a sell-out. The BULLETIN will announce when the sale of tickets will begin.

ENROLLMENT FORM

The Patrons Club

Abraham I. Sherr, President
Park Avenue Synagogue
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Dear President Sherr:

Please place our name(s) on the roster of the Patrons Club of Park Avenue Synagogue to help assure the congregation to meet its operational needs.

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Mt. Sinai Needs Volunteers

The Mount Sinai Medical Center is greatly in need of volunteers who would enjoy providing amenities for our patients and their families.

Two new programs emphasizing the hospitality role of volunteers have been developed. One is in the Guggenheim Pavilion lobby where volunteers greet visitors and assist them in finding their way through the medical center. Volunteers in this program work in teams of two on Mondays through Fridays from 1:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon. A minimum of one afternoon each week is asked of volunteers. The second program emphasizes the role of the Friendly Visitor to patients who do not receive any visitors, yet, their social needs as persons do continue even though they are patients.

Interested persons are asked to contact the Volunteer Department at 650-6288 for an interview appointment with Bernice Kaufman, Director of Volunteer Services.

**Passover Fund
Seeks Your Help**

Each year, members and friends of Park Avenue Synagogue show their desire to be of assistance to less fortunate fellow Jews at Passover time by contributing to the Park Avenue Synagogue Welfare Fund. Well before Passover, this fund sends checks to several agencies who do the actual distribution of funds and Passover supplies to the poor and the needy.

The Joint Passover Association has offices in several boroughs of New York City and gives direct help to thousands — and this year their number will be increased — to enable them to celebrate Passover properly.

The New York Board of Rabbis, through its corps of two hundred chaplains, ministers throughout the year to the religious and spiritual need of many thousands of Jewish men, women and children in public and voluntary hospitals, mental institutions, correctional institutions, youth shelters, nursing homes and homes for the aged throughout New York State. Before Passover, the traditional holiday foods are distributed to these many thousands of people who cannot provide for themselves. In addition, religious articles and literature are distributed to them.

In addition, the Passover Fund of Park Avenue Synagogue assists rabbis, scholars and other individuals in Israel, in the Soviet Union and in our country.

The assistance must go out from our fund well before the holiday. Because of the increased cost of food, especially Passover provisions, it is hoped that there will be an even greater outpouring of generosity in support of this traditional effort.

Checks may be made payable to the Park Avenue Synagogue Welfare Fund and mailed to the synagogue office. Let your heart dictate the amount. You will enjoy your own family's Seder and the entire festival of Passover all the more knowing that you have made it possible for many others to celebrate it as well.

"You shall observe the feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your ranks out of the land of Egypt; you shall observe this day throughout the generations as an institution for all time."

— Exodus 12:17

Single Parents' Workshop

The Park Avenue Synagogue Single Parents' Workshop meets each month to plan constructive programs of interest to Jewish Single Parents. These programs range from rap sessions to a Passover Seder and are created by men and women for themselves and for their children. Would you like to be on the mailing list for announcements of meetings, or do you know someone who would? Contact Rabbi Wechsler and we shall include the name.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 13, 8:15 P.M.

Special — Oneg Shabbat with song and dance following services on Friday night, March 30. Children and friends invited.

**Archeology Course
Begins March 5**

The Institute of Adult Jewish Studies and the High School of Park Avenue Synagogue announce a course entitled: "Archeology, Epigraphy, and Jewish Beginnings," to begin on March 5. Mr. Larry Zelnick, who has often taught courses in Near Eastern history and literature in our High School, will teach this course for adults in our community.

Mr. Zelnick will explore the ancient Near Eastern background for the stories in the Bible. Through the use of archeological finds and recently discovered ancient historical material, the figures of the Patriarchs, of Noah, and of David will be placed in their historical contexts.

Ten Monday evenings, March 5 to May 14, 8:00-9:30 P.M.

March 5, 19, 26;

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30;

May 7, 14.

Registration fee \$25.00 per person; \$40.00 per couple. Minimum registration of 10 required.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS — MARCH, 1979

(CLIP AND SAVE)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5:45 p.m. Daily Minyan (Sat. thru Thurs.)				1 Adult Education 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Finkel 1 p.m. - Mrs. Finkel 3:00 p.m. Retirees 7:30 p.m. Chorale Rehearsal	2 5:45 p.m. Family Service — Light Candles 5:28 p.m.	3 9:30 a.m. Sabbath Service — Bat Mitzvah Jackie Freedman — 5:00 p.m. Talmud Class
4 3:00 p.m. Singles - Ages 30-50 Pre-Purim Reception	5 Adult Education 12:30 p.m. Mrs. Finkel — Adult Education Committee 8:15 p.m. Home of Gerald Silbert	6 8:00 p.m. Parents Assoc. Executive Board — 8 p.m. - Mr. Piltch ? ↓	7 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Gift Shop Open — Adult Education 1 p.m. - Mrs. Finkel 8 p.m. - Dr. Gillman — 7:30 p.m. ? Jewish Singles	8 Adult Education 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Finkel 3:00 p.m. Retirees 7:30 p.m. Chorale Rehearsal	9 Shabbaton 8:30 p.m. Friday Night Service — Light Candles 5:36 p.m.	10 "Jews From Arab Lands" 9:30 a.m. Sabbath Service — SHABBATON 8:00 p.m. Dr. Heskell Haddad — Bar Mitzvah Leonard Colby
11 <i>Time?</i> PURIM CARNIVAL (School) — 7:30 p.m. PURIM PARTY	12 <i>Time?</i> FAST OF ESTHER — Adult Education 12:30 p.m. Mrs. Finkel — MEGILLAH READING <i>Time?</i>	13 (Religious School Closed) PURIM DAY — 12:00 noon Sisterhood Board — Adult Education 8 p.m. - Mr. Piltch	14 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Gift Shop Open — Adult Education 1 p.m. - Mrs. Finkel 8 p.m. - Dr. Gillman — 8:15 p.m. Men's Club Board — 7:30 p.m. ? Jewish Singles	15 Adult Education 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Finkel 1 p.m. - Mrs. Finkel — 3:00 p.m. Retirees — 8:15 p.m. Board of Trustees and Advisory Council Meeting — 7:30 p.m. Chorale Rehearsal	16 Sisterhood Sabbath Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman 8:30 p.m. — Light Candles 5:44 p.m.	17 9:30 a.m. Sabbath Service Bar Mitzvah Steven Kaufman — 5:00 p.m. Talmud Class
18 10:00 a.m. Shahrit Service Parents/Children Brunch to Follow	19 Adult Education 12:30 p.m. Mrs. Finkel — 8:15 p.m. Women's Evening Group	20 12:00 noon Sisterhood Open Meeting — 8:15 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Club Art Program — Adult Education 8 p.m. - Mr. Piltch — 8:15 p.m. Ritual Committee	21 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Gift Shop Open — Adult Education 1 p.m. - Mrs. Finkel 8 p.m. - Dr. Gillman — 7:30 p.m. ? Jewish Singles	22 Adult Education 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Finkel 1 p.m. - Mrs. Finkel — 3:00 p.m. Retirees — 7:30 p.m. Chorale Rehearsal	23 Men's Club Jubilee Sabbath 8:30 p.m. — Light Candles 5:51 p.m.	24 9:30 a.m. Sabbath Service — 5:00 p.m. Religious School Havdalah Service — 5:00 p.m. Talmud Class
25 Men's Club Excursion Northstage Theatre Bus Leaves 5:00 p.m.	26 Adult Education 12:30 p.m. Mrs. Finkel — 8:30 p.m. Seminar for Parents	27 Adult Education 8 p.m. - Mr. Piltch	28 1 p.m. - Mrs. Finkel Gift Shop Open — Adult Education 1 p.m. - Mrs. Finkel 8 p.m. - Dr. Gillman	29 Adult Education 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Finkel 1 p.m. - Mrs. Finkel 3:00 p.m. Retirees 7:30 p.m. Chorale Rehearsal	30 8:30 p.m. Friday Night Service Light Candles 5:58 p.m.	31 <i>9:30 a.m.</i> Sabbath Service — Bat Mitzvah Jori Meltzer — Talmud Class 5:00 p.m.